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Striking "E" For "Europe" From Italy

On March 25, 1957, the nations of Western Europe met in Rome to sign a treaty which bound them in a single Economic Community of Europe and an Atomic Energy Community of Europe, two steps in the desperately needed economic unification of the area. On September 16, reports P. O. St. of Burlington, Vt., Italy joined other nations of the European Community in a philatelic salute to the achievement.



It took the form of two beautifully executed stamps, the work of the Roman artist Corrado Manzioli, who used as a motif the script letter "E" (for "Europe") formed of the multi-colored flags of all the nations of the new communities.

The 25 lire value superimposes the flags on a blue-wash background, while the 60 lire stamp repeats the same design on a white background. Panes consist of 50 subjects, printed in photogravure on almost transparently thin star-watermarked paper. Postal validity will extend through December 31, 1958.



OFFICERS OF THE BORDER ARMED FORCES STAMP & COIN SOCIETY plan their coming exhibition, November 9-11 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Left to right, Capt. Robert W. Storm, secretary; Capt. H. A. McCormack, exhibition chairman; Lt. George W. Bowman, president, and SFC David Maraman, vice president.

UN United Nations Day Pair Coming October 24; Offer FD Covers, Mint Sets At Face

UN Headquarters in New York will release on October 24 the 1957 United Nations Day set of 3c and 8c, of identical design, the work of Rashid-ud-Din of Pakistan who is with the UN Graphic Presentation Unit.

Honoring the UN Security Council, the design shows the UN emblem shedding light on the globe. It is the second in a series drawing attention to the work of the main organs of the United Nations. The text, "Security Council to maintain international peace and security", appears in English on the 3c tan stamp, and in French on the 8c green.

Printed by Thomas de la Rue and Co., Ltd. of London in quantities totaling five million of the 3c and four million of the 8c, the stamps will be vertical and measure 24 x 30mm. They will be issued in sheets of 50 with marginal inscriptions appearing twice at the top and twice at the bottom of each sheet. On the 3c sheet, the marginal inscription will be "UN Day 1957," and on the 8c sheet, "La Journee des NU 1957." Printing will be by the steel-engraving process.

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The Security Council has one primary responsibility for maintaining peace and security in the world. The Council holds itself in readiness to meet at any time when there is danger of peace being broken or an act of aggression has been committed.

The Council is composed of eleven members, five of which (China, France, the USSR, the United Kingdom and the United States) are permanent and the other six elected for two-year periods by the General Assembly.

Among its other duties, the Council recommends to the Assembly what countries should be admitted to UN membership; recommends the appointment of the UN Secretary-General; approves trusteeship agreements for those UN trust territories which are designated as strategic areas; and

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U.S. And Britain Strive For Success; "Naphthadag" Under Gum Secret Of One System

The problem of accurate, rapid and more efficient handling of first-class mail is being attacked with considerable effort and concern in both the United States and abroad. Attempts in the States have tended toward stepping up the sorting and casing of mail, and one system of some promise has been developed in which human senses control the first phase with the remainder being automatic.

A clerk of but modest skill is needed to operate a "keying" machine which imprints in invisible (and probably electro-conductive) ink a "code" which subsequent "eyes" read to guide the piece along to the proper mail bag labeled for the desired destination.

Operating in this general manner, a Dutch-built "Transorma" machine has been functioning very satisfactorily in the Silver Spring, Md., post office since early this year.

Other directions have been pursued. In one of them, a machine has been developed which can actually "read" addresses in some four different styles of type and "recognize" a total of 18 different cities. Postal planners ask for five years in which to give it sufficient "higher education" for it to take its place behind a post office counter.

Still another thought is to allow discounts to large mailers, once a code-type system is functioning, who code their own mail before delivering it to the post office, just as certain classes of mailers are now required to zone (sort and bundle) their own second and third class matter.

Overseas, according to reports arriving from official quarters, the British Post Office Department is attacking the problem still closer to its origin—the operation of "facing" the mail. This is the act of placing all pieces face up, and right side up with the stamp at the upper right, for proper application of the cancellation.

Subsequent perfecting and combining of the U. S. and British systems augur much improvement in the speed and the economy of handling first-class mail.

In the British system, the Assistant Postmaster General announced in a recent speech at the opening of the new main post office in Plymouth, England, use is made of a machine newly developed by scientists and engineers at the British Post Office research station at Dollis Hill. It is to be given its first trial under operational conditions in the Southampton post office within the next two or three months.

The machine will have a number of "scanners" which will search for the stamps as the envelopes pass between them. It will then arrange the letters in separate piles according to the corner in which the stamp is found. At the same time, the scanners will differentiate between ordinary letters and those paid at the 2d printed

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Australia Offers Christmas Pair

Australian Postmaster-General C. W. Davidson has announced that two postage stamps, designed to emphasize the spiritual significance of Christmas, will be issued on Wednesday, November 6.



The denominations and colors will be 3½d red and 4d purple. Both stamps will have the same design, a child at prayer and the Star of Bethlehem. The symbolic figure of the child has been adopted from a painting by the great English artist, Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792).

The stamps will be of the same size and format as the recent 7d Royal Flying Doctor Service stamp and will be issued in sheets of 80. The design was the work of artist-engravers of the Note Printing Branch, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Melbourne, where the stamps are being printed.

The two stamps are being placed on sale as early as practicable to permit their use on surface Christmas mail to other countries. In conjunction, both stamps will meet the 7½d postage rate for an ordinary letter addressed to a foreign country. They will be on sale at post offices for approximately seven weeks.

"How To Mount" Talk At Chicago ATA Meeting

Samuel Ray, Chicago philatelist, will be guest speaker at the October 14 meeting of the Chicago Chapter No. 15 of the American Topical Assn. He will give an illustrated talk on "The Adaption of Classical Write-up Technique to Topical Collecting."

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American Wildlife 1957 ASDA Theme

Plans for the coming ninth annual ASDA National Postage Stamp Show are being developed around "The Wildlife of America". This is the November exhibition's theme chosen by Peter G. Keller, who is both the show's general manager and the executive officer of the sponsoring organization, the American Stamp Dealers' Assn.

The huge affair will be held November 22-24 at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, Park Ave. and 34th St., New York City.

Each of these yearly shows has had its individual theme. Last year's was "Children of America"; the 1955 and 1954 themes honored Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln respectively. All three were timely because of being associated with the designs of Children's, Roosevelt and Lincoln stamps being issued at Washington.

In the current year, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield is continuing to direct public attention to Federal efforts to protect wildlife and to perpetuate some animal and bird species. Before 1957 closes, the fourth wildlife stamp will appear.

Accordingly, Mr. Keller considers that the coming stamp and the never-ending wildlife preservation campaign provide a "natural" topic for the Show. He expects to have the cooperation of wildlife scientists, organized naturalists, etc., and Government wildlife officials at Washington.

Details of this phase of his planning will be made available from time to time as they take shape. Currently, they involve the following features:

1. The Post Office Department will install upwards of \$1,000,000 worth of philatelic material, including postal classics.

2. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing is expected to provide a specially-made press on which the flatbed process of making stamps will be demonstrated.

3. Cooperation by the United Nations.

4. Cooperation by the Smithsonian Institution, Washington.

5. Opening day ceremonies and speakers.

6. National Stamp Collecting Week, Nov. 18-24, which the show will climax.

7. Official cacheted envelope and souvenir poster stamps.

8. The U. S. Post Office Department will install a sub-station at the armory. This post office will have available for sale stamps from the Philatelic Agency.

9. Dealers' booths and society and club lounges.

10. Radio and television hookups.

11. Illustrated lectures, entertainment features, bourse, stamp displays.

Temporary Post Office At Maywood Stamp Show

A temporary post office has been authorized for Maywood, N. J. in connection with the Bergen County Stamp Exhibition November 8-10. The affair will be held in the Maywood Ave. School, Maywood.

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Unusual Honor For American Topicalist

Fifty years ago, come November 7, in a country accustomed to fanfare and waving flags and patriotic derring-do, a humble railroad engineer voluntarily went to his death that his neighbors might live.

While he did not depart to drums or trumpets, and while he never heard the sound which signalled his literal disintegration, his death was accompanied with a mighty signal—the explosion of two carloads of burning dynamite he was pulling out of the little town of Nacoza, Mexico. Jesus Garcia died—but he "made it" first and saved the town.

In recent months a just-one-of-the-regulars American stamp collector, pursuing his hobby of railroad topical, decided that the unsung hero of half a century ago should remain no longer without acclaim.

C. J. Keenan of Portland, Ore., long an official of the Casey Jones Railroad Unit of the American Topical Assn., appealed to the Mexican government to issue a stamp in honor of the almost forgotten Jesus Garcia.

Official wheels grind slowly, but grind they do. Under date of September 6 collector Keenan received an impressive envelope from the Mexican Embassy in Washington. The enclosed letter was signed by Ambassador Manuel Tello.

Yes, his government would issue such a stamp, an airmail of 50¢ (Mexican) value, to mark the 50th anniversary of engineer Jesus Garcia.

"The stamp's day of issue," he wrote, "will be November 7 of this year. On this occasion I wish to tender you my congratulations, since this is the outcome of your suggestion as per your letter of January 24, 1957."

Thus is constituted a signal honor for an American philatelist, since this marks the first time a government has issued a special stamp honoring a railroad personnel at the suggestion of a citizen of another country, a recognition which has been rarely accorded in any field of philately.

Reprinted UNEF Set From Engraved Plates

From Jacques C. Schiff, Jr. of New York City who supplied the information and examples used in Linn's August 19 article on the differences between the original and reprints of the United Nations Emergency Force 3c and 8c stamps comes further important details.

A query to the UN Postal Administration brought the reply to Mr. Schiff that the printers of the issue, de la Rue Co. of London, used reengraved plates for printing the second issue, resulting in the readily discernible differences set forth in the August 19 account.

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1919 VICTORY		
537 3c Violet	5.25	50.00

Scott No.	Per 10	Per 100
1920 PILGRIMS		
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549 2c Carmine	1.35	13.00
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Scott No.	Per 10	Per 100
1923 HARDING		
610 2c Perf. 11	\$.15	1.00
612 2c Perf. 10	.75	

Scott No.	Per 10	Per 100
1924 HUGUENOT-WALLOON		
614 1c Green	\$ 2.25	22.00
615 2c Carmine	2.25	21.50
616 5c Blue	22.00	

Scott No.	Per 10	Per 100
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617 1c Green	\$ 2.50	
618 2c Carmine	4.75	
619 5c Blue	(4.25 per 3)	

Scott No.	Per 10	Per 100
1926 NORSE AMERICANS		
620 2c Carm. & Black	(1.55 per 3)	
621 5c Blue & Black	(9.00 per 3)	

Scott No.	Per 10	Per 100
1927 COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION		
622 1c Blue	\$.25	\$1.85
623 2c Carmine	.10	.55
624 3c Green	(3.15 per 3)	
625 4c Ultramarine	(1.10 per 3)	
626 5c Chocolate	(1.25 per 3)	
627 6c Purple	(4.25 per 3)	
628 8c Purple	(1.35 per 3)	
629 10c Black Brn.	(1.10 per 3)	
630 15c Green	(each 3.75)	
631 30c Orange	(each 5.50)	
632 50c Slate	(each 7.50)	

Scott No.	Per 10	Per 100
1926-29 COMMEMORATIVES		
627 2c Sesqui	\$.65	6.25
628 5c Ericsson	5.50	52.00
629 2c White Plains	1.50	14.50
630 2c Vermont	1.40	
644 2c Burgoyne	3.50	
645 2c Valley Forge	1.10	
649 2c Aero	1.00	9.75
650 5c Aero	5.00	
651 2c Clark	1.50	14.75
654 2c Edison flat	1.40	13.00
655 2c Edison rotary	.35	3.25
656 2c Edison coil	.65	6.25
657 2c Sullivan	.85	

Scott No.	Per 10	Per 100
1929-31 COMMEMORATIVES		
680 2c Wayne	\$ 1.70	\$16.75
681 2c Ohio	1.1	

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Entered as second class matter April 22, 1942, at the post office at Sidney, Ohio under the act of March 3, 1879.

Dealers Have Their Troubles Too

Here we have a problem wherein a dealer has been trying for three years to collect an auction account. He is quite upset about it due to the way in which the account was established and due to the situation wherein a father has set his nine year old son up in the stamp business under a company name. The bids are made under the company name, which supposedly is a nine year old boy. When an effort is made to collect the account it backfires because one can not hold a nine year old boy responsible. The father is fully aware of the situation, but takes advantage of the fact that the bids were made by the company which the boy operates with the sanction and help of the father, but beyond that the father will not go, but permits the nine year old to neglect to pay the account.

This sort of smacks of Fagan in some of the Dickens stories. If an elderly person is permitted to train and perhaps instruct a nine-year old how to beat his bills due to the fact that he is irresponsible and thus beat a dealer it would seem that something should be done about it.

One thing is certain. When the boy matures and grows up and is on his own responsibility he is very apt to try to continue business in the manner in which he has been trained by the father.

For example, this case was put in the hands of the Post Office Inspector. A tracer was filed for the insured package. It came back marked, "We never said we did not receive these stamps." This was signed by the father of the boy. Further than that the P. O. Department would not go. We all know that the P. O. Department is not a collection agency but it does seem that when the P. O. Department permits operation in this manner that they are lending encouragement to practices of this nature.

In this case it is clearly evident that the boy is operating under a company name. That he is doing this with the full knowledge of his father. A man who ought to be teaching the boy honesty rather than teach him how to swindle others through the mails due to his age whereby he can obtain merchandise on approval and by other means and then refuse to pay for it and in doing so he is told by his father that because he is a minor he can not be prosecuted or made to pay for the material.

In the past we have often suggested that stamp dealers should be licensed. We understand that this is done in Australia and there has been some talk of doing it in Great Britain. It would be one way of keeping irresponsibles out of the business. This would be a protection to all dealers as well as to collectors for under a company name anyone can operate a stamp business and the patrons left entirely in the dark as to both the ability and the responsibility of the company and the person or persons behind it.

Naturally, we name no names in speaking about this matter. In the early days of philatelic journalism it was possible to name names and expose crooked practices, but today things are different.

At Birmingham, Alabama In October

Collectors in the southern states adjacent to Alabama will have an opportunity to attend the 27th Annual Exhibition and Banquet of the Birmingham Philatelic Society. The exhibition will be during the entire month of October in the Bham Art Museum in Birmingham.

The banquet will be held on October 15 at the Dinkler-Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham. A number of philatelic notables have been invited to attend this banquet and a splendid time is promised to all.

During the meeting in Birmingham an attempt is to be made to organize a Dixie Philatelic Society, made up of members from Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The welcome mat will be out for all collectors whether from these states or elsewhere. Come and enjoy the hospitality that is characteristic of the south.

A.S.D.A. Show November 22, 23, 24

The ninth in the series of A.S.D.A. NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP SHOWS is to be held this year on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 22, 23, and 24 at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, Park Ave. and 34th St., New York City. It is interesting to note that over 350,000 have attended the eight A.S.D.A. National Postage Stamp Shows to date. As successful as were the shows in 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956, No. 9 will be even bigger and better.

Make your plans now to attend this show where most of the stamps you will see are for sale.

Prices On Israel Stamps

We have a letter from a collector who is all upset over the prices on Israel stamps. He clipped three different advertisements from a recent issue of this paper and sends them to us with the comment that something ought to be done about it. The three advertisements quote the same stamps at \$2.50 in one advertisement and \$3.50 in another. Another lot is priced at \$8.50 in one and \$10.50 in another. Such differences in prices are all through the three advertisements. Our reader is quite upset over this matter and suggests something should be done about it.

From our point of view the persons who should be upset are those dealers who are being so greatly undersold. It is their problem. The only problem for the collector is that he watches all offers and finds the one that is the most advantageous to him. When any country or group of stamps gets as hot as Israel has been in the past year there are certain to be many situations arise over which no one has any control and that makes for wide price variations. So let the buyer beware, when the market is saturated the prices will level off, no boom can go on forever.

"Cap" Townsend Will Write Some Stories

Col. A.C. Townsend, known to most everyone as "Cap" has a story this edition, the first of several he will do for the readers of Linn's. Now in his 80's, he is still seen at many philatelic events each year in the company of Mrs. Townsend. It is interesting to note that he holds membership No. 12 in the Chicago Philatelic Society. Off and on, Cap has written for Linn's since 1930, mostly articles based on his philatelic experiences which go "way back".

Included will be feats of Markman, his philatelic detective, also his "Old Timer", a kindly old gentleman who gathered a group of younger collectors around his fireside in winter and gave them sage advice on stamp morality and how to do successful stamp hunting. This he has done himself (time out for three wars, he says!) since he began collecting in 1888. Also some personal recollections of odd and interesting happenings. All in all, we are glad to have Cap's articles to publish. We feel that they will be generally enjoyed by our readers.

SMILEATELICS

Bob Rieker



"I'm just getting started in this stamp shop and I couldn't afford chairs!"

Cincinnati Club Set For Big Season

The Philatelic Society of Cincinnati, Ohio is off to a big start for the coming season with a newly elected list of officers, an experienced editor for a new monthly bulletin, and a hand in staging the annual exhibition of the Central States Federation of Stamp Clubs. The show is set for the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., October 26-27.

Newly elected officers are Harrison Dunseth, president; Fred Ames who is also editor of the new bulletin, vice-president, Leo Longinotti, treasurer, and Gus Gebhart, secretary.

The club meets at 8 p. m. on first and third Wednesdays in the Hotel Sinton. SPA circuit books are always on hand, and non-member visitors are welcome.

Editor Ames hails from Richland, Wash. where he handled a club bulletin for about four years, and his first effort in Cincinnati is a standout. Other editors of club sheets who may be wondering "how to, what to" might well write him for a sample copy of the club's "Syncopated Perfs". His address is 1461 Clovernoll, Cincinnati 31, Ohio.

1957 STAMP PROGRAM Wildlife Conservation (details not announced).

ALREADY ISSUED

1986 — Hamilton 3c, New York, N. Y. January 11.

1987 — Polio 3c, Washington, D. C. January 15.

1988 — C & GS 3c, Seattle, Wash., February 11.

1989 — Architects 3c, New York, N. Y. February 23.

1990 — Steel 3c, New York, N. Y. May 22.

1991 — Jamestown 3c, Norfolk, Va., June 10.

1992 — Oklahoma 3c, Oklahoma City, Okla., June 14.

1993 — Teachers 3c, Philadelphia, Pa., July 1.

1994 — U. S. Flag 4c, Washington, D. C., July 4.

1995 — Shipbuilding 3c, Bath, Me., August 15.

1996 — Magsaysay 8c, Washington, D. C., August 31.

1997 — La Fayette 3c, Fayetteville, N. C., Easton, Pa., and Louisville, Ky., September 6.

C49 — Air Force 6c, Washington, D. C., August 1.

E21 — Special Delivery 30c, Indianapolis, Ind., September 3.

CANADA

Oct. 10—5c Royal Visit, Ottawa, Canada (See Linn's of September 16 for FDC details).

UNITED NATIONS

Oct. 24—3c and 8c UN Day.

Dec. 10 — 3c and 8c Human Rights Day.

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Egypt Trio Honors Poets And Planes

Scheduled for release October 14 are two Egyptian 10 mills stamps to mark the 25th anniversaries of the deaths of poets Ahmed Shawky and Hafez Ibrahim.

A third item, also 10m, is scheduled for November to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Egyptian Air Forces and Misr Air (Egyptian Air Line Society).

All three will be printed in sheets 50, with the Shawky and Hafez in the same sheet, se-tenant. The former will be brown, the latter olive; color of the air commem has not been announced.



Ahmed Shawky is probably the most famous poet in contemporary Egyptian literature. Born of Arabic and Kurd stock in Cairo in 1868, he was educated at the high school for law.

Publication of his first volume of verse (1897) brought him recognition as the leading poet of his time, and two years later he became poet laureate. He was a refugee in Spain 1914-19.

His poetry is a mirror of the events of his day—social, economic and political. He was the first Arabic poet to write poetic dramas. His "Cleopatra" in which he used the same material with which Shakespeare had worked, shows his thorough understanding of the Arabic language.

Hafez Ibrahim was four years the junior of his contemporary. He was born in Dairout and educated at El-Khediewya secondary school. First a lawyer, he turned to the army and served in the Sudan until 1911.

He later served as chief of the literary department of the Cairo government library, and his three volumes of verse make a good panorama of the days of the 1919 revolution and those which followed.

He is known also for his translation of Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables" into a popular Arabic edition. As did Shawky, he died in 1932.

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Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.	Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.	Lot #	Description	Cat. Val.
126	#834 1938 \$.50 top arrow block with 2 Pl. #2 VF	40.00	275	BULGARIA #253-8 Shipka Battle cpl. F	8.65	429	#C92-109 2 diff. cpl. issues, 1 with scarce script control VF	3.63
127	#835-92 Famous American cpl. VF	12.51	276	#352-6 Gym Congress Is. cpl. VF	7.50	430	#C141-4, 164-72 3 diff. VF cpl. sets	6.93
128	#839-93 Fam. Am. F-VF blocks	55.00	277	Mtd. coll. inc sets over 200 diff.	25.00	431	#C203-214 U.S. Constitution Airl	11.70
129	#859-71 13 Fam. Am. blocks		278	COLONIA #457-63 cpl. pict. set VF	4.10	432	#C229-35, 41-53 3 diff. cpl. Air sets VF	3.49
130	#860-93 23 Fam. Am. blocks F	53.64	279	CANADA #21-30 large queens cpl. some		433	#C241-52 Pres. Visit cpl. set VF	21.12
131	#905-21 14 diff. Comm. blocks F	6.50	280	faults, all light cancells F ave.	48.00	434	NIGERIA to VIRGIN IS. 86 diff. Geo. V and Geo. VI values to 10th VF	
132	#906-19 15 diff. Flag blocks VF	8.84	281	#95 top Edw. VII value used fine	8.00	435	NIASSA unusual early collection from a small country, 14 diff.	
133	#910-16 16 diff. Flag blocks VF	4.20	282	#149-59 1929-8 cpl. Ic to \$1 F-VF	8.98	436	NYASSALAND #28-46 Geo. V and Leopard cpl. VF	
134	#911-17 17 diff. Flag blocks VF	3.45	283	#C2 VF early air		437	PANAMA #317-21 C49-53 U.S. Constitution VF	5.40
135	#912-18 18 diff. Cacheted first D. Covers 1940-51 almost cpl.		284	CAYMAN IS. #85-93 Geo. V to 1sh VF	4.35	438	PAPUA #C10-14 ails to 1sh VF	4.75
136	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	7.00	285	CEYLON #264-74 cpl. Geo. V pict. set VF	7.03	439	POLAND #B11 Stratosphere sheet VF	2.50
137	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	50 diff. 3c Comm. Pl. #2 blocks	286	CONGO #82 rare 10c on 1910 unprinted uscals, #175-80 10c		440	PONT. DELGADA 31 diff. country Mtd. coll. of 650 diff. Fine lot	40.00+
138	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	78 diff. 3c Comm. Pl. #2 blocks	287	#136-7 1923 surcharge on surcharge VF	3.00	441	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
139	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C1 Fine used 1st air	288	#144b// Cilia Comm. Booklet with 10	4.88	442	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
140	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C2 straight edge copy	289	panes and advertising interleaves F	25.00	443	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
141	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C2 Fine used copy	290	#159-65 Kings Is. cpl. VF used	2.45	444	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
142	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C2 straight edge copy	291	#166-72 Nat. Park Is. cpl. VF	1.98	445	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
143	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C2 straight edge copy	292	Same, VF used	1.93	446	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
144	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C2 straight edge copy	293	#173-83 Leopold Memorial cpl. VF	6.40	447	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
145	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C1 VF 50c Zepplin	294	#173-7 diff. IMPERF. pairs	1.48	448	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
146	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C1 VF 50c Zepplin	295	#184-19 1st diff. cpl. VF	1.48	449	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
147	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	Miami to Chicago	296	#193-22 var. IMPERF. fine & scarce	3.20	450	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
148	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C21-2 Trans Pacific Airls cpl. VF	297	#223-41 IDOLs cpl. set VF used	3.10	451	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
149	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	298	#263-84 Flowers Is. cpl. VF	4.28	452	PONT. CONGO small coll. inc. recent 100.00	27.47
150	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	299	#281-39 S-P. Iss. 10c diff. cpl. sets VF	78.00	453	SAAR Mtd. coll. inc. sets 250 diff.	
151	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	300	#B1-91 1st S-P. Iss. cpl. VF	30.00	454	SAAR Mtd. coll. inc. sets 250 diff.	
152	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	301	#B26 1938 Tourist Cong. sheet VF	6.00	455	SAAR Mtd. coll. inc. sets 250 diff.	
153	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	302	Same, VF used	6.00	456	SAAR Mtd. coll. inc. sets 250 diff.	
154	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	303	#B32-3 Victory Is. cpl. VF blocks	20.00	457	ST. HELENA #118-27 less 119, 22	
155	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	304	Same, VF mint single cpl.	5.00	458	ST. KITTS NEVIS #79-88 Geo. VI cpl. VF	7.82
156	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	305	#B34-7 Red Cross 1945 Is. cpl. VF	5.50	459	ST. KITTS NEVIS #79-88 Geo. VI cpl. VF	7.82
157	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	306	#C17-17 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		460	SWITZERLAND #B74-108 Pope Issues cpl. F-VF	7.40
158	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	307	#C17-18 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		461	SWITZERLAND #B74-108 Pope Issues cpl. F-VF	7.40
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161	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	310	#C17-21 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		464	SWITZERLAND #B74-108 Pope Issues cpl. F-VF	7.40
162	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	311	#C17-22 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		465	SWITZERLAND #B74-108 Pope Issues cpl. F-VF	7.40
163	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	312	#C17-23 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		466	SWITZERLAND #B74-108 Pope Issues cpl. F-VF	7.40
164	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	313	#C17-24 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		467	TRIPOLITANIA #73//C48 Art. Ex. cpl. (12)	6.00
165	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	314	#C17-25 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		468	TURKS & CAICOS #29 large ship stamp F-VF	6.00
166	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	315	#C17-26 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		469	UNION S. AFRICA #29-32 VF joined prs. 4.00	
167	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	316	#C17-27 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		470	URUGUAY #447-52 Pan Amer triangles 8.90	
168	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	317	#C17-28 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		471	VATICAN #49 scarce 25c value VF	12.00
169	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	318	#C17-29 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		472	WORLDWIDE coll. all diff. cpl. pictorial sets VF	5.00
170	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	319	#C17-30 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		473	WORLDWIDE coll. all diff. mostly topicals inc. sets 100.00+	
171	#1046 1955 1.00 Pl. #2 block VF	#C46 Pl. #2 block 80c air VF	320	#C17-31 the Airls cpl. 5 diff. cpl. sets 9.00		474	WHOLESALE DEALERS LOTS US	
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The mail reveals that a number of collectors and dealers are "sweating" considerably trying to get plate number blocks of the Magsaysay 8c commem. What makes it so tough is not that there were but 40 million of them printed, more than enough by all standards, but that a full pane of 48 (\$3.84) must be purchased.

Unless one knows an obliging postal clerk from whom to buy the latter at perhaps up to 7% off face, that means you lose approximately 31c which sum in turn must be added to the face value bringing the plate block cost to 63c.

A dealer also has his overhead in acquiring the material, usually from the Philatelic Agency, making the item on his shelf a basic 70c. To that he adds a mark-up to provide a profit.

His customers almost always want "perfectly" centered material so he must pick and choose, all taking lots of valuable time, and provide the best he can get. And many times that is cast back in his mailbox as being unsuitable:

Very fine matched sets are going to be worth a fair amount of cash. I know of one individual who has a small supply of very fine sets of the four combinations of plate numbers and he is holding out for \$10 each. That is quite stiff—but as he says, he doesn't have to sell since he does not need the money, and they're not going to get any less in worth.

1. For what denominations of airmails was the design (in commemorative size) of the Twin-Motored Transport Plane first released in 1941, used?

2. The first airmails of 1918 pictured what type of airplane?

Most collectors start with the modern issues and then work their way back to the earlier emissions. It is when they come to the 1894-1920 period that they find difficulties of identification. The regulars of this era many times have the same designs but are without question different from each other.

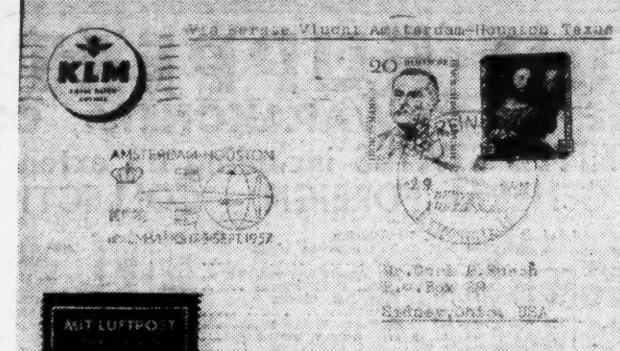
They might be flat press or rotary, watermarked (single line or double line letters) or unwatermarked, and in one of five or six different gauges of perforation.

Most of the time it is very easy to tell a flat from a rotary just from a glance at the back. The flats generally have some part of the design offset there while the others do not. Likewise, it is something which can be measured. Gauging the perf is also a simple process with an accurate gauge—those of metal or plastic carefully dimensioned.

The headache of headaches is determining whether the item in question has a watermark. On most all foreign stamps finding it is a simple process—just hold the stamp to the light with the back side toward you. It will most always be definitely outlined. British Colonials are quite easy to handle for such inspection.

United States issues are another thing altogether. Very few of them give up their secrets without some work on the collector's part. To start with you must have a stamp catalog which tells you the things for which you must look. Then you must remember that watermarked stamps have either the double line letters or the single line, and that they are not neatly placed in the center.

If you're fortunate you'll get a good piece of a letter—if not you might have no more to work with than a tiny piece of one. Then when you get into the blue, brown,



FIRST FLIGHT FROM AMSTERDAM. On September 3 the KLM Air Lines of the Netherlands flew a first flight from Amsterdam to Houston, Texas. This cover, sent by Joachim Dill of Bad Neustadt, Germany was cancelled at Berlin and placed aboard the KLM plane, carried to Amsterdam where the cachet was applied on the left of the envelope, and thence to Houston, Texas. The Houston cancellation is applied as a backstamp on the other side of the envelope.

orange and yellow colors the watermarks get even tougher to see.

There have been several devices made for watermark detection. The simplest is a flat, black piece of material—anything from paper to glass and metal. If you place the stamp face down on this in a good light from above you might find that for which you are looking.

Another involves the use of benzene or carbon tetrachloride, the former inflammable, the latter giving off toxic fumes if breathed to any extent. You place your stamp face down in a flat-bottomed, black container, usually glass or a ceramic, and let fall a couple of drops or so of either of these chemicals, on the paper. This too brings out the watermark most of the time.

Then there are the devices employing a box in which is a light. It lets the light through a small opening over which various colored glasses or plastics, to match the color of the stamps, are laid. The stamp is placed face down on the colored glass which is supposed to filter out the design. The watermark is then supposed to be seen.

An expensive approach, and one available to but few, is the use of the x-ray. The stamp is put over film, exposed to the rays, after which the film is developed. The resulting picture should show trace of a watermark if there is one. It is the most suitable, and probably only means, to handle the tough cases.

Now comes the question of, "If I can't find a watermark, how will I make a proper identification?"

You just can't. For all practical purposes you might just as well forget about that stamp.

Going one step further, do not take a swapping buddy's or dealer's word that such a stamp is a certain number with a watermark. If he can't show you beyond doubt that it is what he claims, just leave it alone. Remember if you had to dispose of it at some future date you too would have to prove it.

One other thing which puzzles many is the proper identification of color as it pertains to stamps. Some attempts have been made to solve this problem but they never got off the ground. It seems insurmountable—collectors just having to get acquainted with the various ones with help from veterans or stamp people, or through personal experience.

There have been color charts. There has also been some attempt to introduce the standards used by industry. Those are all very fine and quite reliable. But the big difficulty is to get the catalog editors to agree with the accepted standards. One might call a color dark carmine, while another says lake and still another dark rose.

The method of printing gives a different look to the same color, as will the type paper of the stamp. There is a difference in it determined by the manufacturing process.

If you stay with the modern issues, say from around 1920 on, you won't have color trouble or watermark trouble.

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This column's recent quip about Israel tabs has caused much consternation in the philatelic world. The item brought me mail from all over the country. Yes, many readers agree that regardless of the reasons for printing tabbed singles with a portion of a second stamp showing it is not in the dictates of good taste.

Israel stamps have a high standard of art; therefore, I suggest that my readers continue to save them because of these standards.

Several readers wrote an explanation as to why the tabs plus the single and stamp portion are being printed but I cannot buy the explanation they gave. Therefore, on a personal note, I will no longer pay a premium for Israel tabs for my private collection.

In fact, the joke continues—with the latest Israel Holiday issue of September 3 the stamps are hitting the market as tabbed singles plus a small fraction of a second stamp which was cut or perhaps only partly printed. I strongly feel this will hinder the Israel stamp market unless some very interesting explanation is made or unless dealers begin to have one price for each Israel issue whether with or without tabs.

Polar news comes from the Swedish-Finnish-Swiss expedition which is located at Northeastland of Spitsbergen. The group stamps a cachet on each cover mailed from its Post Office and I am trying to see whether I can obtain a source for my readers. Keep watching this column for details.

Sweden produces some of the most interesting modern day cancellations. For example August 29 was children's day and a special cancel was used at Stockholm for that day. Instead of issuing a commemorative for each event Sweden cancels its stamps with appropriate cancellations. Perhaps some of my readers already collect covers bearing these interesting markings. However, to collectors seeking something new I suggest starting a collection of these commemorative cancellations. One could well win a prize in any show with a collection of modern day Swedish cancells on cover.

In order to aid readers obtain contacts in Sweden I now have the following data to give out: I am in contact with a Swedish columnist in Sweden's top newspaper. He gets many requests for USA stamp-collecting penpals, and he does not have enough names of USA collectors to pass out. Should any of my readers desire Swedish contacts please do the following:

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Syria issued on September 1 a set of five stamps for the 4th International Fair at Damascus. The set consists of 25 piastre and 70p. stamps showing Lattaqieh Harbor; 35p., a sugar factory at Homs, and the 30p. and 40p., the harvesting of corn and cotton.

There are only 40,000 sets printed but the story is as follows: The postmaster at Damascus had already printed 1000 First Day covers in Arabic to be used at the fair when Farah G. Farah, the Executive Secretary of the Lebanese Stamp Dealers Assn. visited him August 31. Mr. Farah suggested that the postmaster print a foreign language on the FDC besides the Arabic language.

This was agreed upon and Mr. Farah was charged to translate the Arab text into French. Therefore, another 1000 FDC were made in the two languages. I have received my cover which is most interesting.

Any reader interested may send me an airmail postcard with "Syria Fair" on it and I will send the details on how to obtain one. Remember there are only 1000 in Arabic and 1000 in French-Arabic which will make speed necessary in obtaining one of these scarce FDCs.

A contact in Spain writes that material is moving up in price almost daily. Watch this country! I suggest collectors of Spain and Spanish colonies should try to obtain this material now while it is low priced. The sudden unswing of Spanish material certainly is not reflected in American catalogs; however, the European countries are grabbing the Spanish material and FDCs in quantity.

My latest articles in London's "Philatelic Magazine" and "Philatelic Trader" give the Ryukyu story. British readers are becoming interested in Ryukyu issues and the word is spreading throughout the globe. In past columns I have mentioned the methods of obtaining this material direct at the Philatelic Agency of the Ryukyu but some people fear the complicated procedure. Therefore, my friend, Joe Bush, 143 Garrett, Chula-Vista, Calif., has come up with a genuine "buy" on new issues for low budgeted (like me) collectors.

Since the Ryukyu use integrity in their stamps, give quantities printed, and do not print tabs, I feel strongly that these issues will be the contemporary stamps of our time that will always carry the banner of high standards.

Many Linn's readers have phoned or written asking me to

speak before various groups. Frankly, I am not a speaker but perhaps next spring I may take to the rostrum.

Many people still write to ask about the Indian journal which has my article pertaining to shortwave radio and stamps. This is the February issue of "Hobby-ism" (published in English) which is edited by Suresh Chandra Mehra, Capoorniwas, Beharipur, Bareilly, India. It is six years old and is published by an attorney who is doing much for Indian stamp collectors and specialists of Indian material everywhere.

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Some late news from Czechoslovakia says that on September 28 a single stamp was issued for International Trade Union Congress at Leipzig. Also, two airmail stamps showing a modern jet liner will be issued. On October 19 a new television stamp will be issued, with the National Costumes set scheduled for December 18.

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WEST GERMANY, BERLIN, and SAAR announce a total of seven new issues, to bring the productivity of West German Bundespost to a new record high during the period September 28-October 5.

Two new values of the Berlin set of "Celebrated Men" were issued September 28 and 30. The new set "Helfer der Menschheit" (assistants of humanity) was issued October 1, a "protect plants and animals" set October 4, and a single "International Letter Week" adhesive October 5.

To complete this program, special stamps with franc instead of mark values were issued for the Saarland on the same dates as the mark values, of the "Helfer der Menschheit" and "International Letter Week" items.

It is interesting that—as already done with "Europa" stamps—only the values are to be changed; otherwise, the designs will be identical with those of the mark issues. And we find remarkable the fact that the theme of the 1957 "Helfer der Menschheit" is coal mining—a compliment to the population of the newly reattached Saar.

WEST BERLIN LANDESPOST-DIREKTION announces the issue of the third and fourth values of the "Celebrated Men" set: 25pf. and 15pf. on September 28 and 30, respectively. The 25pf. shows the portrait of Prof. Max Reinhardt, born September 9, 1873 at Vienna, Austria, (Died October 30, 1943 in New York City). He was well known as a great theater manager, actor and stage manager who was active in Berlin from 1905 to 1933. Mention of his name recalls the great era of the Berlin theater. In 1933 he founded a theater school in Hollywood.

The 15pf. shows a portrait of the chemist, Prof. Fritz Haber, born December 9, 1868 at Breslau. (Died January 29, in Basel, Switzerland). Haber was one of the most important figures in modern chemistry. In 1911 he became director of the newly founded Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin, where he remained until 1933.

In his life work one of his outstanding successes was the discovery of means of making artificial fertilizer, for which he was awarded the Nobel prize.

The two stamps were designed by Prof. Arthur Degner and engraved by Egon Falz, both of Berlin. Bundesdruckerei of Berlin printed 2,000,000 of each on DBP watermarked white paper. As with the values already issued, the portraits are dark brown; the inscriptions are in redbrown on the 25pf. and blue on the 15pf.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF WESTERN GERMANY did issue October 1 the 1957 "Helfer der Menschheit" set. This year coal miners are the theme, because these brave men contribute much to guarantee modern welfare and civilization. Besides this officially given reason, it also happens that

this is the year in which the Saar was reattached to Germany.

This set shows miners in different activities; it was designed by Bert Jaeger, Freiburg/Breisgau, and printed by Bundesdruckerei on the usual white, DBP watermarked paper. Values colors and printings are: 7 + 3pf. brown and black, 5,100,000; 10 + 5pf. green and black, 7,600,000; 20 + 10pf. red and black, 7,350,000; 40 + 10pf. blue and black, 2,650,000.

On October 4 two values were issued to encourage conservation, a 10pf. with the inscription "Protect Plants" shows a water lily. It is yellow, blue, red, and dark brown, and was designed by Rudolf Gerhardt, Berlin. The 20pf. shows a robin and is printed in olive, blue, red, black, and red-brown. It is inscribed "Protect Animals". Designer was Alfred Goldammer, also of Berlin. An edition of 20,000,000 of each was printed.

These stamps are very colorful and it is expected that the set will find many friends, principally among young collectors throughout the world.

The next day, October 5, will see the release of the single "International Letters Week", designed by Wilhelm Neufeld of Erlstaett. Symbolizing letter writing, it shows two carrier-pigeons and bears the inscription "Internationale Briefwoche 1957". Of 20pf. value, 20,000,000 were printed in red and gray-black.

SAARLAND issued on October 1 its "Helfer der Menschheit" set with the same designs as the Federal Republic of West Germany, but with changes in designations of values: 6 + 4fr brown and black, 12 + 6fr green and black, 15 + 7fr. red and black, and 30 + 10fr. blue and black. Of each value 1,800,000 were printed.

On October 5 the single stamp "Internationale Briefwoche" will be released with the same design and in the same red and black-gray colors as the West German stamp, but in the value of 15fr. in an edition of two millions.

It is remarkable that these two issues are being printed in the same colors as the West German stamps, and that this is the first time that the Saar stamps have had the "F" for francs. Up to the present, the 1957 Saar issues have not carried this "F" designation of monetary value—the figure (s) alone appeared in the past, as has been usual for German issues.

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THE EAST GERMAN GLIDER FLIGHT scheduled for June 8 on the occasion of the Sonneberg (Thuringen) stamp exhibition from Meiningen to Sonneberg was delayed for technical reasons and finally was accomplished on September 3. Covers flown on it bear a red rubber stamped "Befordert met Segelflugzeug DDR 2062 von Meiningen-Dolmar nach Sonneberg".

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Working in collaboration with Harrison and Sons, the printers of postage stamps, the scientists have now evolved a new technique which involves the use of stamps in which an electrical conductor is incorporated. A high voltage electric discharge penetrates the stamp as the letter passes through the machine and, traversing the electrical conductor, causes a "recognition" signal to be given to the machine.

The electrically conducting substance applied to the stamps is "Naphthadag"—the name given to an ink-like fluid made up of graphite, with the proprietary name, Deflocculated Acheson's Graphite, in a solution of naphtha.

For the purpose of the Southampton trial, naphthadag will be incorporated in the stamps in one or two lines, each about 1/32" wide, running from top to bottom on the back under the gum. The lines, although black, will be virtually invisible from the front of the stamp—unless of course it is held up to the light. Only the most ardent stamp licker could get at them, and even then he would find them quite harmless.

Later this year, naphthadag treated stamps will be put on sale in post offices in an area centered on Southampton. This will be a few weeks before the machine is ready to operate, so that the stamps have plenty of time to come into general use before the experiment starts. Further details about the nature and timing of the experiment, the precise area in which the stamps will be on sale, and the denominations of the

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Finally, a point to be specially noted. The naphthadag treated stamps are being introduced purely for the purpose of the first operational trial of the letter facing machine. It does not follow that stamps will be permanently treated in this way or that the field of sale will be extended beyond the Southampton area. The future of this process will depend largely on the outcome of the trial itself, and also on whether further research—which will continue independently—will bring to light an alternative method of "recognition" which does not involve any visible marking of stamps.

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Of all the military installations and forts depicted on United States postage stamps, the most active and most modern today is Fort Bliss, Tex., now the home of the U. S. Army Air Defense Center and School. Honored in 1948 by the Fort Bliss Centennial stamp, the post has continued to grow in size and importance until today it would be a strange and unfamiliar place even to most of the troops who were stationed there prior to the end of World War II.

The story of Fort Bliss is a colorful saga of Apaches and cavalrymen, guided missiles and electronics experts. From a frontier desert outpost where the Rio Grande splits the Franklin Mountains, Fort Bliss has become an outpost on the frontier of scientific development.

The first American military use of the area was in 1846, when Col. Alexander Doniphan led a volunteer force from Missouri through El Paso del Norte to military successes at Chihuahua and Sacramento Pass. Two years later the War Department ordered the establishment of a fort at the Pass of the North.

In June 1849 a military procession, accompanied by settlers with livestock and wagon-loads of supplies, began a historic 673 mile trek from San Antonio. Four months later they arrived at El Paso and founded a military post.

In 1854 the post was named for Brevet Lt. Col. W. W. S. Bliss, brilliant scholar and aide-de-camp to President Zachary Taylor.

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Early years at Fort Bliss were stormy ones, with Apaches and Comanches a constant threat, accompanied by frequent flooding of the Rio Grande. Five times the post was moved; twice it was abandoned. For a brief time the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy flew from its walls.

In 1893 the first three permanent buildings, still in use, were constructed. In the spring of 1914 during the Mexican Revolution, Gen. John J. Pershing assumed command of the fort, then one of the leading cavalry posts in the country. From 1921 until 1941 Fort Bliss was the home of the famed First Cavalry Division.

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post to an air defense center began. With the change came an anti-aircraft artillery training program to meet the threat of Axis air power; research in guided missiles, schools specializing in these new, ultra modern weapons; an officer candidate school; and many other vital activities.

Expansion was so rapid that by the middle of 1943 the Center occupied all of Fort Bliss proper, Logan Heights addition, and the desert training and range areas at Hueco and Oro Grande. In 1947 the reservation was increased to include White Sands Proving Ground and missile ranges in the vicinity of Alamogordo, N. M. The entire area now in use comprises many millions of acres of previously worthless desert land.

Among the weapons on which training is conducted at Fort Bliss, the outstanding one is the Army's NIKE AJAX, the only operational missile system capable of meeting the present air threat.

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MAJ. GEN. SAM C. RUSSEL, Commanding Air Force Center, Fort Bliss, Tex. (U. S. Army Photo.)

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News From The Three Germanies

R. Y. Megan

Blocked Values

A Canadian reader, evidently of Baltic extraction, asks me to give a list of values "blocked" by East Germany since they introduced this iniquitous method. Here is their order (with acknowledgements to the Michel catalogue):

1954 Stamp Day sheet; 1955 International Liberation Day sheet; 5pf Schiller, Schiller sheet; 15pf "Leaders of the Working Class"; 5pf "Land Reform"; 5pf Engels Year; 30pf Historic Buildings; Engels Sheet; 15pf Paintings; 1956 10pf Mozart, 5pf Lufthansa, 10pf Heine; Thaelmann sheet; 40pf Dresden; 10pf Schumann; 15pf Sports Festival; 20+80pf, Victims of Fascism; 10pf Schumann (revised issue); 5pf Human Rights; 15pf Berlin Animal Park; 1957 10pf Animals and Plants under Protection; 10pf Froebel.

These stamps are available to the tune of three per head to registered collectors. They are now fighting to make it five, but not having much success. If you want any more, you buy them via the State Trading Stores at between 20 and 100 times face value.

Back To Convention

With the stamp honoring Paul Gerhardt, German hymnologist, commissioned by the Postal Minister direct from Berlin engraver-painter Leon Schnell, without the benefit of the Design Council, German issues are beginning to resume their traditional appearance. This one in fact is little more than a nice portrait engraving of Gerhardt from a bust of the 1880's, surrounded by a small amount of lettering. Nevertheless it is undeniably successful and probably appeals infinitely more to universal taste than some of the avant garde efforts at portraiture which the Design Council has passed.

Leon Schnell is, of course, one of the relatively few people who designs and engraves superlatively well, and it is pleasing to know that he is at last again at work on Federal German issues.

The next releases of stamps again revert to Design Council sub-

missions. An ingenious composition for "Flora and Philately", the topical stamp exhibition in Cologne, is a straightforward symbol combining a posthorn and tulip with the three crowns of Cologne (traditionally the city of the Three Kings of Magi). Further into the future (as this is written) we have commemoratives for the millenary of Aschaffenburg, the 50th anniversary of Freiburg University, and German Shipping Day. Altogether quite a programme in a short time.

Statistics Tell The Tale

With acknowledgements to the Michel Catalogue publishers, I reproduce here a few vital statistics on European Stamp Issues, which will prove fairly conclusively why the Three Germanies are such a popular group of countries.

The first column is the date of the first stamp; the second the quantity issued before 1914; the third the quantity released to 1945; the fourth the amount since 1945.

	Before Until Since Total	1914	1945	1945
Belgium	1849 103 606 345 1053			
Bulgaria	1879 99 368 539 1006			
Denmark	1851 80 205 80 365			
Germany	1870 97 809 1196 2102			
Finland	1856 65 220 186 471			
France	1849 127 545 446 1118			
Britain	1840 144 86 68 298			
Italy	1861 110 556 312 978			
Neth'l'd's	1849 92 350 247 689			
Austria	1852 179 480 371 1030			
Russia	1857 99 840 972 1911			
Switz'l'd	1848 123 319 194 636			

There is little I need add in explanation except to state that the figure shown for Germany includes all zones and other subdivisions, but not locals, and that postage dues, officials and other service stamps are ignored. In fact the only stamps listed are straightforward postal and semi-postal issues.

If statistics were not the lying things they are, we would gather that Germany was most preferred by collectors, followed by Russia, with France, Belgium, Austria and Bulgaria tailing behind. In fact the full table which lists all European countries gives the following countries in order of stamps issued: Germany, Russia, Rumania, Turkey, Hungary, France, Spain, Belgium, Austria, Bulgaria, all of which top the four figures. But as anyone can see, the table of preference is quite different, and no-one would give the USSR second place and Rumania third.

Cathedral Of Air 25th Year Cachet

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the erection of the Cathedral of the Air at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N.J. will be observed Sunday, October 27 by the Department of New Jersey, the American Legion, which erected the beautiful structure in 1932.

Dr. William W. Edel, president of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.



will make one of the addressees. He conceived the idea of the memorial chapel while stationed at Lakehurst as chaplain, and was one of the small group of legionnaires who inspired the American Legion and the Auxiliary members in New Jersey to raise the funds with which the chapel was constructed.

Ground was broken on June 26, 1932. The corner stone was placed by the late Secretary of the Navy, Charles F. Adams on November 6, 1932. Cooperating with the Navy, The American Legion furnished the chapel and services have been held continuously since by both the Catholic and Protestant faiths. Facilities are also available for services for the Jewish faith.

The official presentation and dedication of the Cathedral of the Air was held on Sunday, October 26, 1947. At that time The American Legion turned over the keys of the chapel to the Navy, although maintenance of the structure had been provided by the Navy since early 1940.

The Ocean County, N.J. Stamp Club is issuing a cachet for the anniversary. It shows an outline drawing of the famous building and includes within the design, the insignia of the Christian and Jewish Chaplains of our armed forces,

1957 Duck Stamp Sales Off Slightly

Federal "duck stamp" sales in fiscal year 1957 dipped below the previous year's all-time high record, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Leffler announced today.

A total of 2,332,014 stamps of the 1956-57 issue was sold to hunters of migratory waterfowl, conservationists, and philatelists, according to final figures supplied to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife by the Post Office Department, the agency responsible for distributing and selling the stamps. This is 37,926 less than last year's record total of 2,369,940.

As an indicator of hunting pressure, duck stamp sales for fiscal year 1956 were grouped, for the first time, by waterfowl flyways.

The 1957 total on the same basis, with 1956 figures in parentheses, are as follows: Atlantic Flyway, 378,753, (387,035); Mississippi Flyway, 1,022,695 (1,019,145); Central Flyway, 491,272 (523,630); and the Pacific Flyway, 482,487 (430,597).

Individually, by States, California again headed the 1957 list, with a total of 180,300. Other States recording sales in excess of 100,000 were: Texas, 166,268; Minnesota, 150,550; Michigan, 140,648; Wisconsin, 130,306; Illinois, 117,650; and Louisiana, 102,734.

Many duck stamps are also purchased annually by stamp collectors. The Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency in Washington, D.C., reported the sale of 10,807 stamps during fiscal year 1957. This compares with 9,533 in the previous year.

Sold for \$2 at post offices, the proceeds from duck stamp sales help finance the Federal Government's waterfowl refuge and law enforcement programs. Every individual who has attained the age of 16 years and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person a stamp of current issue with his signature written across the face.

UN Overprints On Tenth Year Set

Bruce Conde

Both as an economy measure and because of the continued appropriateness of the subject matter, postal authorities of the Syrian Republic decided to keep the attractive 1955 10th Anniversary of the U.N. designs and to overprint them in appropriate colors for the 11th anniversary.



The new set, which was issued on October 25 last, but completely overshadowed by the Sinai-Suez war and the subsequent state of unrest in the Middle East, was printed on 35,000 remainders of the 1955 series, both regular and air.

Printed horizontally across the center of all stamps, uniformly, is the Arabic and French text, which reads: "11th Anniversary of the U.N.O.". It is in black on the 7 1/2pi. red, and 12 1/2pi. olive green for regular and inland and Arab Postal Union mail, in red on the 15pi. blue and in green on the 35pi. olive brown airmails.

The retained design of the postage values shows the U.N. symbol beside the Torch of Liberty and is inscribed "Right is Above Might", implying, according to Syrian Postmaster General Lahham, that the Arabs have confidence that their Palestine problem will be solved by recourse to justice administered by the U.N. rather than by force of arms.

The airmail values retain their design of the world globe and Dove of Peace together with the inscription: "Justice is the Basis of Peace". This was interpreted by the Postmaster General to mean that peace can be restored in the Holy Land by U.N. action implementing the 1947 resolutions calling for internationalization of Jerusalem as a Holy City dedicated to the three great monotheistic faiths, and the dividing of Palestine more or less equally between Arabs and Zionists, plus the subsequent resolution returning to their homes or giving optional compensation to the 1,000,000 Arab Palestinian refugees.

Matthew Bennett

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556 ★ #C41 VF Imperf. pair San. #50a

557 ★ #C44-45 F Imperf. San. Cat. 50.00

558 ★ #C65 VG-F UPU Perf. and Imperf. Souvenir sheets, gum disturbances

559 ★ SARDINIA #116 F Pair inverted head on both

560 ★ SPAIN #C12-17 F-VF cpl.

561 ★ #C73-87 F-VF cpl.

562 ★ #C117, 19, 20, 23 F-VF

563 ★ #C123-24 F cpl.

564 ★ SP. GUINEA #304, 21-23, B19-24, C4, 5, 14 F-VF 7 cpl. issues

565 ★ SP. MOROCCO #280-91, E11 F-VF UPU cpl.

566 ★ #C16-23 VF cpl.

567 ★ #C16-27 VF 2 sets cpl.

568 ★ SURINAM 8 diff. cpl. issues F-VF

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661 ○ #293-305 F-VF cpl.

662 ○ #201-05 F-VF cpl. set inscription bks

663 ○ #349-50 C154-58 F-VF UPU cpl.

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It is also anticipated that foreign support will be stronger than ever in March, but no details of this have yet been finalized. The only concrete thing about STAMPEX is "Stan the Stamp Collector", the exhibition figure designed by Michael Goaman (the artist responsible for the 4d Coronation stamp of Britain, and the New Zealand Lamb Trade and Malta George Cross commemoratives). There will be 100,000 labels featuring "Stan", some roulette in sheets of 10, others imperforated and packed into 250's.

Again the exhibition is organized by the Philatelic Traders' Society in conjunction with the Junior Philatelic Society. Readers who would like a box of 250 labels may send a \$1 bill to the Secretary, PTS, 2 Clements Inn, London WC 2, England.

Honor for Sir John Wilson

As a reward for long service to the Crown, Sir John Wilson, Keeper of the Queen's stamps, was created a KCVO (Knight Commander of the Victorian Order) by the Queen in the June Birthday Honors list. This honor is usually conferred at the personal discretion of the Sovereign, and takes its name from Queen Victoria who founded it. Its bearers are almost invariably servants of the royal household, or closely connected with the royal family in the execution of their duties.

Sir John is the second KCVO to be created for services to philately — his predecessor at the Palace, Sir Edward Bacon, was similarly honored by the late King George V in 1932.

Ghana For The Prime Minister?

A recent issue of the famed British weekly humorous periodical "Punch" carried as its main political cartoon simply a drawing of a coin, bearing the profile portrait of Dr. Nkrumah, Prime

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

United Kingdom Comment

George Saint

Shadows Before

Already steps are being taken to prepare the ground for the forthcoming "STAMPEX" exhibition, which is scheduled for March 15-22, 1958. This year, the publicity schemes are much more ambitious, including as they do, a "Miss STAMPEX" contest which is — as far as I know — the first time ever that such an event has been arranged in connection with a stamp exhibition. Full details have not yet been announced.

Then there will be a "Stamp Fortnight" which embraces the week prior to, and the week of the exhibition itself. Here there will be ambitious schemes to co-operate with the shops in the West End of London to provide window displays built around stamps, and other attractions still in the preliminary planning stage.

Minister of the new state of Ghana, with the usual inscription of the British Coinage freely adapted to read "Nkrumah D.G: C.P.P:", i.e. "Nkrumah, by the Grace of God, Commonwealth People's Party". Looking at this coin, which was hung in the fashion of a mirror on a wall, was Dr. Nkrumah himself, above the caption of "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall — who is the fairest of them all?"

All this ties up with a demand by the Ghana opposition that proposed new coinage should not bear the portrait of the prime minister for the time being, but continue to show picture of the Queen. Once they were about it, the local parliamentarians extended the argument to the recent stamps with Nkrumah's portrait which had been due to be replaced in early June, but which were unexpectedly kept on sale (instead of being replaced by the balance of the Gold Coast series duly overprinted).

The long and short of all this appears to be that Dr. Nkrumah bids fair to put himself in the Queen's place on all official emblems of Ghana (which still remains, of course, a member of the British Commonwealth). This is a move not exactly popular over here in London. It would also appear as though Dr. Nkrumah's features will be seen on the permanent new issue from Ghana now in preparation by London printers, which led "Stamp Collecting" to remark caustically that it was a good job the French did not act similarly with their stamps so as to bring us the more-than-twenty prime ministers enjoyed by the "fair land of France" since war's end.

Artists To Re-work Committee Suggestions?

The mills of God grind slowly, but one must assume that they still grind exceedingly small. A little note in the "Daily Telegraph" (London) suggests that the committees on stamp design considering the regional issues for Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, Guernsey, Jersey, and the Isle of Man have now finished their deliberations and that artists will now take over to put their recommendations into effect. And in due course they will be submitted to the Queen, and then the whole thing will be over and done with.

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In collecting stamps over a long period of years every person has at least some odd or amusing experiences. Since he started collecting in 1885 the writer feels that he has had more than his share of such happenings. For one thing, he looks like too many other people. He and Blake Battles can almost be taken for twins, and once in Oklahoma City his own sister mistook another man for him.

She and her husband were living there and I was soon coming down from Chicago for a visit. Driving on the main street of the city on a pleasant early evening, she spotted "me" walking on the sidewalk just ahead of them. She exclaimed, "Why, there's Add! Drive up before him." Charles did and she said to the man, "Well! Thought you'd surprise us, did you?"

The man turned, smiled back at her and replied, "Not intentionally, Madam. I don't even know you!"

They introduced themselves, and he turned out to be a friend of one of their friends. So after I got there they arranged a get-together party and it was astonishing to both of us how much we looked alike in every way.

Another time in Philadelphia I talked to a man for ten minutes and he never did realize he was talking to the wrong man. I had been in Washington on government business and was on my way back to Chicago, stopping for a night in Philadelphia.

This was in 1924 and at that time one window of the post office was kept open at night for the sale of stamps. Whether that is still customary I do not know, but in those days I used to try to visit large offices at night, when the clerks would not be so busy and thus could perhaps dig up some old issues or other desired items. There was one customer at the window. I waited and then stuck my head up to the grill. "Good evening," I said. The rest of the conversation follows.

"Oh, hello! Well, I got those sheets of 1c Pilgrims that I told you of, but there were not as many good ones as I thought. Only twelve good sheets."

"That's too bad. But twelve sounds pretty good. Have you got them where I can look at 'em?"

"Sure, right in my box back there. Wait a minute." And he walked to the back of the cage and came back with the Pilgrims.

I was doing some deep thinking. He thought I was a different man and I ought to let him know. So while he was getting the stamps, I took my hat off and put my face closer to the grating. Now he'd see his mistake! But he poked the sheets out for me to look at and went right on talking.

I did some more heavy thinking. They were nice stamps and I wanted them, and they were for sale to the public — but taking them would be hard on the original man who had really brought them to light, so I said, "Well, I really didn't expect to get them tonight," which was absolutely true!

"No, I was surprised to see you," he replied. "You told me you wouldn't be in town again for four or five days. Leave 'em till you come in again, if you want to."

I had reached what I thought was a fair decision by then. "No, I'll take six of 'em now and you keep the rest until next week, will you?" He agreed at once and I took the six sheets and paid him the \$4.20 and thanked him heartily, put on my hat and walked off with my plunder.

I took them to Chicago and promptly sold them to Barney Voorhees at a fat profit. And I've had a lot of fun in later years telling the story to stamp clubs and trying to picture for them the scrap between the P. O. clerk and the right man when he turned up and asked, "Did you get those Pilgrims from the cashier for me?"

"Get 'em for you? You know darn well I did. You took six sheets of 'em Friday night!"

"I DID? Are you crazy?"

"Yes, YOU did! You said you hadn't expected to be back here so soon and you were sort of shy of cash, so you only took six sheets then. Who do you think you're kidding?" Etc., etc., ad infinitum.

Probably my greatest shot in connection with stamps was a double barrelled one, but I didn't know that for many years. In Washington again and a couple of years after the happening told above, an old friend asked me to go with him and help him pick out some office furniture.

An old, old printing office on "E" Street was closing down and selling off the equipment in its two-story-and-attic building, so we went down on Saturday morning. Their old bookkeeper was in charge of the

sale. He took us around a bit and then turned us over to an employee to do our picking and then come back to him to settle prices. We remarked on the age of some of the stuff and the man said it was no wonder, as they had been there for a hundred years, almost.

That set me to thinking, so after a bit I told my friend I'd be back in a few minutes and went back to the office and the old bookkeeper. "This business having been running for so long in this one place, don't you have some old letters up in the attic or in the cellar?"

He wanted to know why I asked, and I replied that the old stamps might have some value. He asked if "old Liberian stamps" would be any good. Decidedly so. But how come Liberian?

The old head of the firm had been the president of the first Liberian Colonization Society, and had kept the correspondence, which was still there. He wanted to make as much as he could for the firm and would be glad to sell the stamps if they had any value.

"Where?" I asked him. "In those old file boxes on the table behind you," he calmly replied.

I whirled, and there they sat. About a dozen of the old yellow file boxes that many people will remember, and on the backs had been heavily written dates, 1845, 1847, 1851 and so on. "Can I get right at them?" I asked.

He glanced at the big clock and said, "No, I have an outside engagement in a few moments that will keep me for quite a while, but if you can come down tomorrow afternoon you can go through them." And you can gamble on the fact that the date was instantly made!

Now, not to prolong the agony, those boxes were only half full. They had been systematically robbed at some time or times. The letters written to Liberia had been brought back, but there was not a single letter from Liberia, and all the U. S. stamps had been taken except a few 1c 1851-57 and a lone 1c 1847 that was on a small folded letter — so small it had escaped the villain's clutches!

I sadly explained to the bookkeeper and showed him the evidence as I went through the boxes. Were they kept in the attic? Might there be anything more up there? Doubtful, but we went up to see, and found the floor littered with letters and papers — no stamps, although some showed that stamps had been torn off.

We went sadly back to the office. I bought that one 1847 cover and told him that tomorrow I would sell those 1c stamps to my friend H. F. Colman and bring him the money, to which he readily agreed, and I went sadly back to the hotel to take a bath.

Next morning I went to see Colman. "Miss Kate" (Mrs. Catherine Manning of the Smithsonian) was working for him then. I told him the story.

Colman poked up his glasses and said, "So that's where those Liberians came from, is it? For a couple of years a young fellow used to come in once in a while and sell me some old bits of paper. Said they came from old family letters."

The only pleasant part of the tale is this. I took the money on down to the bookkeeper, paid him and then said something that had come into my mind. "What are you going to do with those old letters now?"

"They'd go into the trash to be cleaned out; why?"

I told him that the Library of Congress would very likely be glad to get them; that they were compiling statistics on prices of merchandise in our early days, and that the letters might be of quite a help. He said the Library was welcome to them, but they'd have to pay the hauling cost.

I called up the Library, explained the matter, and in half an hour their light truck came down and picked up the files. I waited to see the job finished — wasn't going to see another slip-up!

Now for the second barrel of the gun. A couple of years ago Charles O. Parks, a Seaboard Railway auditor, was to show his Liberian collection at the St. Petersburg, Fla. stamp club, and I was there as a member. After a good preliminary talk he placed his collection on the exhibition rack and opened it to the first issues.

"You will see that these first stamps are very poorly centered and poorly perforated," he began. "Later on I found this was the rule, not the exception, but when H. F. Colman of Washington, D. C. offered these to me I hesitated about buying them, as I feared they might be counterfeits.

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When he had finished and resumed his seat I asked for five minutes, got the time and gave a short resume of what is written above. And I concluded, "So, Mr. Parks, but for a thief those stamps would have been in my collection, not yours, and I think you should divide with me, to make up for my disappointment."

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As found on the Bureau printed precancels of the U.S.—George Klein takes some exception to my remarks that there is not too much interest in these items either in singles or blocks of four. He states that, especially in blocks, he seldom has enough to go around. This situation has come about in the past few years, I judge. Surely there is no one in the field better situated to make such an observation than Mr. Klein.

I based my opinion on talking to Bureau collectors and on a set of books I circulated in a Sales Department just about five years ago. The sales hardly paid the insurance and handling fees—and I want to add hastily that the material I entered was not overpriced, in fact, in most cases it was just about what the stamps ought to have been without the plate numbers attached.

In the September 2 review I wrote of the trends of precancel collecting and the changes that come. Here surely is one that slipped up on me!

NOTES

In a mixture I picked up a 5c Detroit, Mich. in a new electro type. The type is very similar to the U-12 in the Universal Style Chart but the spacing of the lines matches the old wide lines and bars. Is this a new trend or is this an old type I forgot about? The last precancels other than Bureaus that I noted from Detroit were in the U-17a type, and in the series which had "Michigan" spelled out in full.

If this is a new plate it doesn't look as if it will have a long life—already the "D" of Detroit has been mashed down so it won't print and directly above and below the lines are mashed also. The item is a 5c Liberty. Who has seen other values in this type?

Another new electro to come to my attention is a 3c Teachers commem from Greenwich Conn. in the U-17a type, and "Connecticut" is spelled out in full, 1 1/2c and 3c Prexies from Greenwich are quite common in the U-17 wide type.

I generally don't mention commems very often, but this one could quite conceivably be a legitimate one as the 3c value has been used freely at Greenwich over the years.



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BRAZIL. Celebrating the 300th anniversary of the liberation of the Province of San Antonio, a \$2.50 red stamp was issued on August 24.

CANADA. A 5c black will be issued October 10, showing profiles of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, to commemorate the visit to Canada of the Queen and the Prince during the month.

FRANCE. The 18fr. Leo La Grange stamp bearing his portrait was released August 31. It is inscribed across the top "Jeux Universitaires Mondiaux."

GERMANY. Dr. Ludwig Heck, zoologist, was the second person to be honored in the "celebrated men" set to be issued piecemeal by West Germany. This 20pf. newcomer was released September 7. It carried a surtax of 10pf. for the zoo.

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Notes From The Italian Area

Pierson Ostrow

The 1956 "Sassone" catalog—the "Scott" of Italy—is now out, with its annual price revisions and surprises.

A quick review shows that the upward trend in Italian prices is continuing unchecked, with increases ranging from 25% to more than double last year's quotations. Here is a brief summary:

Italy

The post-war issues are fairly stable; outstanding exceptions are the Roman Republic stamp (Scott No. 518) and the Radio Conference set (Nos. 538-39) which have increased in price by 15% and 35% respectively.

The pre-war issues, however, reflect an entirely different story. The "typical" medium range commemorative sets show an over-all increase in mint price of over 30%, while the price for used is up by a far greater margin. The rarer commemorative issues show the following increases:

1910 Garibaldi set, up 22%; Manzoni, 33%; 1922 Philatelic Congress, 26%; Scott C01, 50%; and Rome-Rio airflight, 67%.

19th Century material, almost without exception, reflects heavy price increases.

Vatican City

Vatican price increases have been anticipated, and will surprise no one. In fact, in the months ahead, it is apt to be difficult to keep up with the changes. "Sassone" has upped the rare 35-40 set by 2/3rds over last year's quotation, while the other issues are up by an average of 75%.

Colonies

Here, too, the trend is upwards, with the spectacular increases in the hitherto "quiet" medium range commemorative sets. These average 11% above their 1957 quotations! The rare CBO items have increased by one-fifth, while the Manzoni and Rome-Mogadiscio sets are up about 25%.

Trieste

Neither A nor B Zone prices have shared in the increases, remaining, for the most part, unchanged. Significant advances have occurred, however, in the Istria issues which Scott has failed to list.

The Effect on Scott Valuations

All of these changes will have the unfortunate effect of throwing the new 1958 Scott quotations back behind the market once again, since Italian prices in this country after the war have followed closely the trend in Italy itself. This is unfortunate, since a first analysis of Scott 1958 had indicated that it was at last becoming, for Italian-area stamps, a rough guide to net market price.

Perhaps the answer lies in a closer liaison between Scott and the catalog makers abroad. Even this, however, is difficult, since the Italian catalogs are subject to revision, both in prices and in new issue listings, almost up to the moment that they go into circulation. The Scott pricing job is usually believed to be finished several months before publication.

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